

Delta Protection Commission, and helped protect the air quality throughout the San Francisco Bay Area, as an appointee to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. Karen has done incredible work to support our county's transportation infrastructure, playing a key role as a member of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority. She has also helped enhance economic activity and development throughout the county, working to improve regional resiliency plans and housing needs as an executive committee member of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Please join me and Congressman SWALWELL in congratulating Karen on her well-earned retirement after more than four decades of service to Contra Costa County.

HONORING VONCAROL KINCHENS

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians to recognize VonCarol Kinchens for her contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, the date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, VonCarol Kinchens' commitment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring VonCarol Kinchens for her contributions to the community and her role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

AWARDING MAJOR MICHAEL HOGGE A CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Major Michael Hogge with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Air Force exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Major Hogge is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Major Hogge served as a Captain Chief of Logistics for the Air Force where he contributed his expertise and knowledge as a maintenance manager for over ten years. With a brilliant mind in logistics, he contributed his skill set in fixed, tactical, and airborne systems.

Major Hogge has undergone extreme training in electronics, including the formal Air Force electronics systems training, accompanied by many years of experience as an

electrician technician. Throughout his military deployment, Major Hogge was known as an effective manager which he applied to everyday life.

Major Hogge's life in service did not end with his retirement from the military. He continues to support various veteran community events in Hunt County and donates his time to local military fundraisers such as 1000 Miles Till Home.

As an avid leader in his community, Major Hogge is a true patriot to those around him. Whether it's using his repair skills through his church or building homes for the impoverished in Mexico, Major Hogge is defined by humbly dedicating his life to service.

I am beyond honored to have Major Hogge in Texas' 4th Congressional district and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his sacrifices.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL KOSZTARAB

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Michael Kosztarab of Blacksburg, Virginia, who passed away on September 6, 2022. Dr. Kosztarab was a longtime entomology professor at Virginia Tech who led an exciting and heroic life in his journey from his native eastern Europe to Southwest Virginia.

Dr. Kosztarab was born in 1927 in Bucharest, Romania, to Michael Kosztarab and Berta Albert of Transylvania Hungarian descent. He spent much of his early childhood under the care of his widowed maternal grandmother in eastern Transylvania before returning to his parents in Bucharest at the age of six. They later moved to Budapest, Hungary. As a teenager during World War II, he defied the Nazis by aiding Jews in the city's ghetto, and while staying in a building with 36 Jews was arrested when the Nazis raided it. He was arrested and held in custody until Soviet forces arrived in Budapest.

After the war, Dr. Kosztarab worked for a floriculturist and then the Ministry of Agriculture's Bureau of Plant Protection eradicating pests. He enrolled in university and, based on his work in the ministry, decided to pursue entomology. He became an assistant professor, but Communist rule meant his position was accompanied by indoctrination and attempts to turn him into an informant.

When the Hungarian Revolution broke out in 1956 and was brutally put down by the Soviets, Dr. Kosztarab and his wife Matilda knew they had to flee the country, but also knew they could not yet take their infant daughter Eva with them. The couple evaded border guards and crossed an icy river into Austria. Dr. Kosztarab then arranged for Eva to join them. He traveled on a train that briefly crossed into Hungary for nine days. On the ninth day, as guards were looking the other way, Eva was tossed in a bundle to Dr. Kosztarab through a window. The family made its way to the United States the following year.

After earning a PhD at the Ohio State University, Dr. Kosztarab became a professor of entomology at Virginia Tech in 1962. His career was characterized by prolific research,

writing, and teaching. He discovered new insect species, authored or co-authored six books and 170 research publications, and received the W.E. Wine Award for Excellence of Teaching in 1968. Dr. Kosztarab served as a Founding Director of the Virginia Tech Museum of Natural History and as Founding President of the Virginia Natural History Society. The Commonwealth of Virginia named the Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly as the State Insect thanks to a campaign he led with the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs.

Among the accolades Dr. Kosztarab earned over the course of his career are the Association of Systematics Collections' Annual Recognition Award in 1994, the Thomas Jefferson Medal for Outstanding Contributions to Natural Science from the Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation in 1998, the L.O. Howard Distinguished Achievement Award of the Eastern Branch, Entomological Society of America in 2001, and fellowship in the Royal Entomological Society of London in 1989. He retired from Virginia Tech in 1992.

Dr. Kosztarab's wife Matilda passed away in 2013. He is survived by his daughter Eva Kosztarab, son-in-law Kenneth Kastner, grandsons Gregory and Matthew Kastner, granddaughter-in-law Katharine Hagen, and great granddaughters Lia and Abigail Kastner. I offer them my condolences on their loss. Dr. Kosztarab stood up to the two great totalitarian systems of the 20th century, Nazism and Communism, and in the United States led a distinguished career. It was a life that showed the promise of America and the character of Dr. Kosztarab.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PHIL MCCLURE

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Phil McClure, of Warren, Texas, who passed away on Monday, October 31, 2022, at the age of 70.

Phil was born in Beaumont, Texas, on December 27, 1951, to Thomas Lindburg and Tressie Mae Drodgy McClure. He graduated from Kirby High School in Woodville, Texas, and was a member of the 1969 District Champion football team. As a young man, Phil was very active in Future Farmers of America and attained Eagle Scout rank, the highest achievement the Boy Scouts of America offer.

Phil owned and operated McClure Furniture Store in Woodville for many years, working as a licensed real estate broker on the side. My wife, Roxanne, and I purchased our first home from him when we moved to Woodville after I separated from the United States Air Force.

He loved being involved in his community and devoted countless hours serving in the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department, the Woodville Lion's Club, and the First Baptist Church of Warren. Phil graciously hosted my congressional staff at his beautiful Cypress Creek Ranch, sharing his passion for wildlife management, the great outdoors, and hunting with each of them.

Madam Speaker, it is a special privilege to recognize my friend, Phil McClure. My most sincere prayers remain with his friends and loved ones during this difficult time.

AWARDING SERGEANT JOHN
HERRINGTON A CONGRESSIONAL
VETERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I am honored and privileged to award Sergeant John Herrington with a Congressional Veteran Commendation. His service and sacrifice through the United States Army exemplify his national pride and embodiment as a role-model citizen to serve the country he loves. Sergeant Herrington is truly an ideal candidate to receive the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

Sergeant Herrington was called to serve as a volunteer. As a Tank Crewman in Vietnam, he was a much-needed asset for the United States. Sergeant Herrington served in the U.S. Army with great passion and dedication to serve and deliver a great sacrifice.

Sergeant Herrington was even willing to lose both of his legs in battle to support his country in the Vietnam war. A perfect example of a patriot who deserves one of the most decorated medals, a recipient of a Purple Heart.

Sergeant Herrington did not let his new challenge stop him from continuing to live a productive life. He has held several professions including truck driver and gunsmith. During his free time, he is involved in the community and VFW activities. He serves as a Commander of the local chapter of Patriot Guard in which he uses his love of motorcycles to honor veteran funerals.

Upon delivering Sergeant Herrington with congratulating him for receiving this prestigious award, I was informed by my staff that though Sergeant Herrington may have lost both legs in battle, he still managed to persevere and walk across the stage to acknowledge the message. It is the great people of Lamar county that amaze me the most.

The fact that Sergeant Herrington has never backed down from a challenge and continues to press on with no complaints as to why I feel so lucky to recognize his sacrifices.

I am beyond honored to have Sergeant Herrington in Texas' 4th Congressional district and am privileged to award such a distinguished citizen for his true American grit.

HONORING COMMISSIONER KEN
RUSSELL

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a descendant of Bahamians to recognize City of Miami Commissioner Ken Russell for his contribution to the City of Miami's designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove on July 19, 2022.

Since the 19th century, Bahamians played an integral role in the founding of the City of Miami, representing one-third of the registered signatories on July 28, 1896, date of the city's incorporation.

Much like Miami's original Bahamian signatories, Commissioner Ken Russell's commit-

ment to preserving the rich Bahamian culture and history of Miami has helped to ensure the designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Commissioner Ken Russell for his contributions to the community and his role in the historic designation of the Little Bahamas of Coconut Grove.

REMEMBERING COACH VINCENT
JOSEPH "VINCE" DOOLEY

HON. BARRY LOUDERMILK

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. LOUDERMILK. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of my friend and Georgia football legend, Coach Vince Dooley, who went to be with the Lord on October 28, 2022.

Coach Dooley was born in Mobile, Alabama in 1932. He began his football career at Auburn University, where he played quarterback from 1951 to 1953. After earning his undergraduate degree, Coach Dooley served for two years in the United States Marine Corps, before returning to civilian life to pursue a graduate degree. While studying for his Master's in history at Auburn University, he began working as an assistant coach, a role he would hold for eight years. In 1963, Coach Dooley accepted an offer to serve as the head coach at the University of Georgia, unknowingly setting into motion a chain of events that would change college football forever.

Shortly after assuming the role of head coach at UGA, Coach Dooley led the Bulldogs to an eighteen-to-seventeen win against the University of Alabama, the reigning national champions at the time. Over the following quarter century, Coach Dooley would orchestrate the University of Georgia's rise to the top of the college football ranks, earning a total of six Southeastern Conference Championships, culminating in the historic 1980 National Championship, which the Bulldogs carried undefeated. In total, Coach Dooley led the team to 201 victories, the most under a single coach in the school's history. Later, Coach Dooley would accept a new role as director of UGA's entire athletic department, in which he would cement the school's reputation as one of the top athletic schools in the country. In 2009, Coach Dooley would go on to help Kennesaw State University establish their own football program, which is set to join the prestigious NCAA Division 1-A by 2024.

Coach Dooley was the recipient of seven SEC Coach of the Year Awards and the Bear Bryant Lifetime Achievement Award. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, the Marine Corps Sports Hall of Fame, and the University of Georgia's Circle of Honor, and many other honors. In 2019, the University of Georgia christened their stadium 'Dooley Field' in his honor.

Coach Dooley's interests extended beyond the gridiron. He was a master gardener, author, and advocate for historic battlefield preservation. He was a committed family man who is survived by his wife of sixty-two years, Barbara; as well as their four children, eleven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

In the south, where bitter rivalries between college football teams can be as divisive as politics, it is indisputable that Coach Dooley found his place among the greatest legends of football. He will be remembered as one of the southeast's most accomplished sons, and one of Georgia's most faithful servants.

RECOGNIZING THE HALPERN FAMILY AS RECIPIENTS OF THE 2022
DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD

HON. FRANK J. MRVAN

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 7, 2022

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to recognize the recipients of the 2022 Distinguished Citizen Award, presented annually by the Boy Scouts of America, Pathway to Adventure Council. To commemorate this special occasion, the organization is hosting a celebratory event on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at the Center for Visual and Performing Arts in Munster, Indiana.

Since 1992, the Boy Scouts of America has bestowed the Distinguished Citizen Award upon individuals whose efforts have made a significant positive impact on the community of Northwest Indiana and beyond. This year, the Boy Scouts of America, Pathway to Adventure Council is honoring the Halpern family.

Fred, Donna, Joshua, and Ashley Halpern are the owners of Albert's Diamond Jewelers in Schererville, Indiana. Established in East Chicago, Indiana, in 1905, Fred Halpern acquired Albert's in 1960. Throughout the years, Fred and his wife, Donna, handled much of the business operations. In 2010, Joshua, Fred and Donna's son, was named president of the company, becoming the fourth generation in his family to run the business. That same year, Joshua wed Ashley, who had been part of the Albert's team since 2003. Throughout the years, the company has flourished, and Albert's Diamond Jewelers continues to be one of the largest independent and family-owned jewelry stores in the country.

The Halpern family dedicates much of their time and support to charitable endeavors throughout the region including the Foodbank of Northwest Indiana, NWI Parkinson's, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, the Humane Society, South Shore Arts, and TradeWinds, among many others. In addition, the family hosts an annual auction for Multiple Sclerosis, which has raised over \$2.6 million. The Halpern family is to be commended for their passionate and lifelong commitment to philanthropic efforts.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in recognizing the Boy Scouts of America, Pathway to Adventure Council and its 2022 Distinguished Citizen Award recipients, Fred, Donna, Joshua, and Ashley Halpern. For their compassionate devotion to numerous charitable organizations, the Halpern family is to be admired, and they are worthy of the highest praise.